

Forest Grove Community School

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2017

Board Members Present

Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, chair

Jon Stagnitti, vice chair

Bob Hatt, treasurer

Steve Molin, member

Robbie Pock, member

Board Members Absent

Roger Neyman, member

Rochelle Auran, member

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal

Karen Torry, Director of School Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Voting Items

- March 2017 Minutes: Bob moved to approve the minutes. Jon seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- Board Elections: Terms for Anita, Bob and Roger all are set to expire. Jon moved to re-elect all three Board members for another two-year term. Steve seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
 - Officer Positions: The FGCS Bylaws call for appointment of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Jon moved to appoint Bob as Chair for a one-year term. Anita seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Jon nominated Anita as vice-chair. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved. Steve nominated Jon as treasurer. Anita seconded. Unanimously approved. Anita nominated Steve to serve as secretary. Robbie seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 2016-17 Calendar Amendment: Vanessa proposed that the Board extend two Fridays to full-day Fridays (May 12 and 19) to make up instructional time lost to two delayed starts in February. Jon moved to approve the proposal. Anita seconded. Unanimously approved.

- Reallocation of Funds for Building Repairs: Vanessa asked the Board to approve paying \$85,810 from reserves for roof replacement on the school building and both rental houses owned by FGCS as well as stucco and window frame repairs and painting. The Board discussed the offer made by CM & Sons to allow FGCS to pay for the work in two installments, and the question of whether to roll the expenses into the refinancing of the school's mortgage. Jon pointed out that rolling costs into the loan increases overall costs because the school will pay interest over time. Vanessa shared that the current budget forecast for K-12 schools shows a \$1.9 billion shortfall in the state K-12 budget. She is concerned that the budget picture for 2017-18 is uncertain at best. Robbie raised the question of whether part of the costs could be rolled into the loan rather than the full amount and whether the school could pre-pay on the loan if the budget picture improves.
 - Jon moved to approve allocating \$85,810 from the reserve account to pay for the CM & Sons contract for building repairs. Bob seconded the motion. All voted to approve the allocation.
- Job Description Policy: Steve moved to approve. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- 2017-18 Calendar: The proposed calendar is roughly the same as this year's calendar. The first day of school would be August 30. Vanessa will share instructional hours data with the Board in May.
- Job Description Policy: Steve moved to make the policy a voting item.
- Discipline/Dismissal Practice Review: As part of the PACE employment liability toolkit and on advice of a PACE/SDAO lawyer, the Board reviewed the fact that FGCS is an at-will employer. FGCS complies with all federal and state employment anti-discrimination laws. Karen will clarify whether any further Board action is needed to comply with the PACE toolkit.

Calendar Notes

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.